

Weekly Wrap-Up

Promoting Missouri to the Film Industry

Week of February 21 - February 27, 2004

MISSOURI NEWS

Jerry Jones of the Film Office and Heather Ackerly with the Film Commission of Greater Kansas City spent Tuesday scouting locations in the KC area with the producers and director of a mid-budget feature. The producers hope to make a location decision within the next month and plan to open production offices in April or May.

Eric Saarinen, son of Eero Saarinen who was the designer of the St. Louis Arch, was in town with Plum Productions to DP the new series of May Company commercials for Famous-Barr. Shot on location at the Famous Barr in West County Shopping Mall in St. Louis, the crew shot after shopping hours to avoid interfering with regular sales hours. The next series of commercials are scheduled to shoot in June.

The short film *Brownish* is having an open casting call on Saturday, Mar. 6 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. on the campus of Webster University in Webster Groves. The auditions will be held in the Video Studio (Rm. 131) in the Sverdrup Building. Actors and actresses are needed ages 15-60, all shapes and sizes and all ethnicities. Resumes, headshots and prepared monologues are encouraged. Contact Bill Parmentier for more info at bill_parmentier@iwon.com.

An MTV crew was in St. Louis on Thursday, shooting segments at locations including the Arch and Forest Park for an upcoming episode of *MTV: Advance Warning*.

The Kansas City Filmmakers Jubilee presents a Jubilee Matinee Saturday, Feb. 28. The Collected Works of Toby Lawrence, a UMKC Film Studies student, will be screened at 3:30 p.m. at the Westport Coffee House.

The 8th Annual Kansas City Filmmakers Jubilee is fast approaching - April 16-22. Several great films and filmmakers have been chosen from over 400 entries received. This year for the first time, they are offering a sponsorship opportunity for individual screenings and visiting filmmakers. For a donation of \$100 you select the screening or filmmaker you wish to support. In return you'll receive a festival pass, recognition as a sponsor, and a picture with the filmmaker. Visit www.kcjubilee.org for more information.

Call for entries for the 6th Annual Scriptapalooza Screenplay Competition. Deadline is March 5. First prize is \$10,000 and screenwriting software for the top 30 winners from Write Brothers. Over 50 production companies are reading all the entered scripts! For information visit www.scriptapalooza.com or call 323-654-5809.

INDUSTRY NEWS

The big movie talk of the week would have to be the opening box office gross for Newmarket Films' *The Passion of the Christ*. It exceeded even the most optimistic early projections and grossed \$23.6 million on Wednesday alone, which makes the debut for the Mel Gibson-directed *The Passion* the fifth biggest Wednesday opening in history. Projections estimate it will reach the \$70 million mark by the end of the weekend.



Mar. 12-20 SXSW Film Festival, Austin, Texas

Apr. 16-18 Locations Trade Show, Santa Monica

Apr. 16-22 Kansas City Filmmakers Jubilee



SCOUTING

We are currently in search of the following locations for a project. E-mail your photos to: mofilm@ded.mo.gov

- 1950s-early 1960s neighborhood (ranch houses with one car garages) with NO trees in the yards.

WEEKLY WEB REPORT

MFC Website hits: 1869

Production guide hits: 341

for week of Jan. 25 - 31

YEAR-TO-DATE ACTIVITY REPORT

Production Guide Requests

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